


# Planning and Development Department Update

**DATE:** March 18, 2011  
**TO:** Mayor Setti D. Warren  
**FROM:** Candace Havens, Director of Planning and Development  
**RE:** Friday Report   
**CC:** Board of Aldermen  
Robert Rooney, Chief Operating Officer

This weekly report is intended to keep you informed of current development proposals and other noteworthy planning and development activities as follows:

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| <b>Monday</b><br><b>3/21/11</b>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Human Service Advisory Committee, 6:30 p.m., City Hall Cafeteria (basement level)</li><li>• Real Property Reuse, 7:15 p.m., Room 222</li></ul>  |
| <b>Tuesday</b><br><b>3/22/11</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearing, 7:00 p.m., Aldermanic Chamber</li><li>• Land Use Committee Working Session, 7:00 p.m., Room 222</li><li>• Newton Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force Meeting, 7:45 p.m., City Hall Cafeteria (basement level)</li></ul> |
| <b>Wednesday</b><br><b>3/23/11</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Relationship Violence Action Committee, 3:00 p.m., Room 222</li><li>• Public Safety and Transportation Committee, 7:45 p.m., Room 202</li></ul>   |
| <b>Thursday</b><br><b>3/24/11</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Traffic Council, 7:00 p.m., Room 222</li><li>• Newton Historical Commission, 7:30 p.m., Room 202</li><li>• Conservation Commission, 7:30 p.m., Room 209</li></ul>   |

- **Human Service Advisory Committee:** The Committee will meet on **Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup>** at 6:30 p.m., in the City Hall Cafeteria (basement level). Discussion items include a review of project billing for FY11 and consideration of alternatives involved in reducing CDBG human service contracts in FY12. **Contact Lowell Haynes at 617.7961.132 or [lhaynes@newtonma.gov](mailto:lhaynes@newtonma.gov).**
- **Real Property Reuse Committee:** The Committee will meet on Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:15 p.m., in Room 222 to consider appointments to a Joint Planning Advisory Committee; which will consider future use of the Austin Street Parking lot in Newtonville. **Contact Candace Havens at 617.796.1137 or [chavens@newtonma.gov](mailto:chavens@newtonma.gov).**
- **Zoning Board of Appeals Public Hearing:** A hearing will be held on **Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>** at 7:00 p.m., in the Aldermanic Chambers, City Hall. The following petition will be heard: **#2-11**, Arkady Degtiarov and Irina Deresh, **20 Shute Path**, appealing the Commissioner of Inspectional Services' Notice of Zoning Violation that a dog run was constructed without a building permit and that dog run and shed are located in the front and side yard setbacks. The property is located in a Single Residence 3 District. **Contact Sherri Lougee at 617.796.1061 or [slougee@newtonma.gov](mailto:slougee@newtonma.gov).**
- **Land Use Committee Working Session:** The Committee will hold a Working Session on **Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. in Room 222. The agenda includes the following: **#351-10**, Jon B. Hollingsworth petition for approval to permit a two-story detached garage of 982 sq. ft. and allow two dormers to be located two feet from the vertical plane of the side wall of the garage at **373 Lexington Street**; **#46-11**, 122 Shornecliffe Road LLC., petition to construct two retaining walls greater than four feet in order to construct a new by-right garage below grade outside the front setback, (to replace an existing legally nonconforming garage located within the front setback) at **122 Shornecliffe Road**. **Contact Alexandra Ananth at 617.796.1121 or [aananth@newtonma.gov](mailto:aananth@newtonma.gov).**
- **Newton Bicycle and Pedestrian Task Force Meeting:** The Task Force will be meeting on **Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>** at 7:45 p.m., in City Hall Cafeteria (basement level). For more information about our meetings and BPTF's work, e-mail or visit the website at [newtonbikeped@gmail.com](mailto:newtonbikeped@gmail.com) or [www.newtonbikeped.org](http://www.newtonbikeped.org).

- **Relationship Violence Action Committee (RVAC):** The Committee will meet on **Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>** at 3 p.m., in Room 222, City Hall. The speaker will be Laurie Guidry, President of the Massachusetts Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (MATSA). MATSA promotes evidence based practice, public policy and community strategies that lead to the effective assessment, treatment and management of individuals who have sexually abused or are at risk to abuse. All meetings of the Committee are open to all providers and other interested persons. **Contact Lowell Haynes at 617.796.1132 or [lhaynes@newtonma.gov](mailto:lhaynes@newtonma.gov).**
- **Public Safety and Transportation Committee:** The Committee will meet on **Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>** at 7:45 p.m., in Room 222, City Hall. Once finalized, the agenda will be posted at <http://www.ci.newton.ma.us/Aldermen/Agendas/ps&tAgenda.htm>. **Contact David Koses at 617.796.1133 or [dkoses@newtonma.gov](mailto:dkoses@newtonma.gov).**
- **Traffic Council:** The Council will meet on **Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. in Room 222. The following items are scheduled for discussion: James Danila on behalf of the Department of Public Works, requests a "Right Turn Only" restriction on westbound Carriage Road at Lowell Avenue to facilitate the relocation of the stop line on Lowell Avenue (Note: This item was held on 12/16/10.); Ald Danberg and Blazer, requesting discussion on possible methods of improving traffic flow and safety at the intersections of Beacon /Centre Streets and Beacon Street/ Langley Road, including but not limited to re-timing of the lights; Ald Danberg, Blazer, Shapiro, Fuller and Baker, requesting discussion of and possible ban of parking during morning rush hour on Beacon Street a) north side between Langley Road and Centre Street and b) south side between Langley Road and Centre Street; Ald. Lappin, requesting an analysis of parking and traffic flow on Florence Street as it relates to pedestrian and bike safety; Ald. Salvucci, Lennon, Ciccone and Merrill on behalf of the Citizens of Newton Corner, request reasonable regulations and traffic safety devices as are necessary to protect pedestrians traveling to the south side of the Massachusetts Turnpike; Robert Tendler, requesting removal of the present parking restrictions and the imposition of "Resident Parking Only" on Lawrence Avenue. **Contact David Koses at 617.796.1133 or [dkoses@newtonma.gov](mailto:dkoses@newtonma.gov).**
- **Newton Historical Commission:** The Commission will meet on **Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30 p.m. in Room 202, City Hall. Items on the agenda include: **1479 Washington Street** request for full demolition of house; **74 Country Club Road** request for full demolition of house; **921 Beacon Street** request for full demolition of carriage house. Administrative Discussion: Minutes, Demolition Delay Ordinance discussion, and City Hall improvements. **Contact Brian Lever at 617.796.1129 or [blever@newtonma.gov](mailto:blever@newtonma.gov).**
- **Conservation Commission:** The Commission will meet on **Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup>** at 7:30 p.m. in Room 209, City Hall. Items on the agenda include: **1000 Commonwealth Av. City Hall NOI** – Work in pond and buffer to bank; **2483 Dedham St. Charles River Country Club NOI** –Work in riverfront, buffer zone and bordering vegetated wetland; **170 Suffolk Rd. RDA**- Work in the 100 ft. buffer zone; **275 Islington Rd. RDA** –Work in the 200 ft. riverfront to the Charles R. **Violations(new and updates): 193 Oak St. Village Condos EO** – EO ratified and amended; **25-27 Christina St. EO** – EO ratified and amended; **320-322 Needham St. EO** –EO ratified and amended; **34 Farwell St. Violation** – EO –OOC issued. **Certificates of Compliance: 46 Kingswood Rd., 100 Boulder Rd., 21-23 Cross St., 36 Hyde Ave, 77 Florence St., 76 Hyde Ave , 365-381 Elliot St., Beacon St. rear and Beaconwood Rd.** **Contact Anne Phelps at 617.796.1134 or [aphelps@newtonma.gov](mailto:aphelps@newtonma.gov).**
- **"Spring Seasonings: A Taste of Newton, Needham, and Beyond:"** The Newton-Needham Chamber of Commerce will hold this annual event on **Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>** from 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Newton Marriott Hotel, 2345 Commonwealth Avenue. All are welcome to sample food and drink from Newton and Needham restaurants, watch cooking demonstrations, participate in raffles, network with over 300 people, and support our local business community. **Tickets are \$30 in advance/\$35 at the door. Contact the Chamber at 617-244-5300 or visit [www.nnchamber.com](http://www.nnchamber.com).**